Gandhi Samiti and Gandhi Darshan regarding harassment faced by women employees; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON) : (a) No communication has been received from the organisation as named in the Question. However, representation from employees of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti has been received.

(b) The matter is being looked into for appropriate action.

Production of 155mm Howitzers

1683. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a top level team from Bofors, which visited New Delhi in July last to negotiate the terms for production of 155mm howitzers, has since completed its task;

(b) whether during the negotiations any talks were also held to seek a part of kick-back money; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) to (c) The discussions with the Bofors team which visited India in July-August 1989 were on issues relating to the Supply Contract and Licence Agreement, including the recovery of the amount paid by them in respect of the Supply Contract. However, the negotiations were inconclusive.

Manufacture of arms by India

1684. SHRI P. N. SUKUL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the rank occupied by India in the Third World Countries in manufacturing arms; and

(b) what are the items of defence equipments in which India has become self-sufficient and the items in which it is still dependent on imports ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA) : (a) It is not possible to state with any degree of certainty the rank occupied by India in the Third World Countries in the manufacture of Arms. There are no positional yardsticks to compare Indian defence production on efforts related to its threat perception, with that of other countries.

(b) The country is self-sufficient in the production of Small Arms and Ammunitions; Tanks; Field Guns and their ammunitions; Ordnance Equipments; optical devices and clothing etc. The country is importing certain Missiles and Rockets till their production is established.

It would not be in the public interest to disclose further details.

Swiss Bank Accounts

1685. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI :
SHRI SURESH KALMADI :
SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an article which appeared in the Statesman of the 28th January, 1990 under the caption "Swiss Banks no longer Ali Baba caves"; if so, what are the details of amounts kept in the Swiss accounts; and